

**Board of Respiratory Care
Multi-Media Continuing Education Task Force
Minutes**

Date: March 30, 2012

Time: 8:00 a. m. C.S.T.

Location: Health Related Boards
Poplar Conference Room
227 French Landing Drive
Heritage Place, Metro Center
Nashville, TN 37243

Members Present: Candace Partee, RRT, Chair
Gene Gantt, RRT
Jeffrey McCartney, MD

Staff Present: Marva Swann, Board Director
Mary Katherine Bratton, Assistant General Counsel
Andrea Huddleston, Deputy General Counsel

Guests Present: Charlie G. Brooks, Jr. RRT
Timothy R. Henion, MHA. RRT, President Elect TSRC
John Williams, TSRC
Colleen Schabacker, RRT

Purpose

The task force was convened to discuss recommendations regarding the number of multi-media continuing education hours allowable per calendar year. Ms. Partee called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Charlie G. Brooks, Jr., RRT—Mr. Brooks presented a recommendation to remove the restrictive language in Rule 1330-01-.12 (2) (c) 2 and allow therapists the least restrictive routes for continuing education requirements through webinar participation and other multi-media means. He contended that requiring only 5 of the required continuing education hours for the year could be from multi-media sources would be inconvenient as well as cost prohibitive for some practitioners who would have to travel some distance for a classroom setting.

Timothy R. Henion, MHA. RRT, President Elect, TSRC—Mr. Henion presented a recommendation on behalf of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Society for Respiratory Care that Rule 1330-01-.12 (2) (c) 2 be left unchanged. The TSRC contended that to allow 100% of required continuing education to be obtained online would not be in the best interest of the profession due to the absence of live interaction and networking opportunities.

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John Williams, TSRC—Mr. Williams, TSRC Lobbyist, stated that in live presentations there is more opportunity for networking and interaction between the attendees. The TSRC was also concerned with how the continuing education courses offered online would be validated.

Colleen Schabacker, RRT—Ms. Schabacker stated that there are a number of organizations already approved by the Board that offer online continuing education courses. Her recommendation was to let the practitioner decide the best method of obtaining continuing education based on the individual's learning preference.

Ms. Bratton was asked to research how other states are addressing the issue of continuing education online versus live sessions and report results to the task force committee which will reconvene an hour before the next full Board meeting in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 am.